

HENRY AND ELIZA JANE
HARVEY OHLWILER

Henry Ohlwiler was born September 15, 1833, in Harbor Creek, Erie County, Pennsylvania, son of Fredrick and Anna Mary Chule Ohlwiler. He married Eliza Jane Harvey on January 30, 1866, in Heber, and later was sealed in the Endowment House. Eliza Jane Harvey was born at Winter Quarters, Nebraska, on April 2, 1848. Her father, Benjamin Baker, died before her birth, and her mother died in giving birth. John and Eliza Harvey, who adopted the baby, lost a child at the same time, and so agreed to rear her. Henry Ohlwiler died on February 25, 1910, in Heber, and Eliza died on March 26, 1927.

Henry grew up in a family of strong and devout Presbyterians. Clothing to wear on Sunday was always made ready for wear on Saturday. Wood cutting and carrying was a Saturday chore. No whistling was allowed on Sunday.

The family of nine boys and two girls, with the parents, lived on a large and prosperous farm and orchard, in a fine home. Here the children were trained in hon-

esty and righteous living, which stayed with them through life.

Soon after Henry came to Utah, in 1863, he and Pomp Dennis, a boyhood friend, met Peter Shirts, who brought them to Heber, stopping at Midway. One of the first families he met in Heber was that of Dick Sessions, with whom he lived until his marriage.

He lived among the Mormon people, liked them and accepted their religion as the true one. He was baptized within a year by Dick Sessions.

In 1866 he married Eliza Jane Harvey. Their home was a one-room log cabin on the lot where the Ohlwiler home now stands. The furniture was meager, but they were proud of one set of chairs purchased by rails which Henry cut and sold.

He provided well for his family by his labors. He was the first man to have charge of the lakes at the head of the Provo River. In 1868 he had a contract on the new railroad with John Harvey. He freighted from Salt Lake to Heber. One time for a load of wood he got ten yards of bleach worth \$1 a yard.

In 1869 he worked with Joseph Moulton and others at Witt's sawmill. He was an excellent carpenter and also a splendid woodsman, being able to cut and load wood quicker than many men.

He served in troubles with the Indians during the Blackhawk War. One time he had to take an Indian caught stealing cattle to the head of the canyon, to send him back to his people. Many times he stood guard to protect the people.

Though quiet and unassuming, Henry was active in community and Church affairs. He was a school trustee several terms, road supervisor a number of years. He was in the presidency of the Elders' Quorum. He remained true to the gospel and faithful to all its requirements.

Henry and his wife, Eliza Jane, were the parents of six daughters and two sons. One son and four grandchildren have been missionaries for the Church.

Eliza was known throughout her life for her love of flowers and her ability to grow them, and also for her fine sewing, knitting and handwork. She lived under difficult pioneer conditions, but always was able to do her part in keeping a clean house and pleas-

ant surroundings. When her husband was away at work she always saw that the outside chores were accomplished also. Characteristic of her life were the spirit of industry and thrift.

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Provo River Water

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Sawmill worker

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